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Louisiana 2004 Crop Acreage and Production

Louisiana farmers faced uncertainty and uncooperative weather conditions during most of the 2004 crop year. Cotton yields were better than expected during the summer, and hay set a new state yield record.

Cotton production is estimated at 885,000 bales, down 14 percent from the previous year. An estimated 500,000 acres were planted in 2004, down 5 percent from last year. Louisiana farmers harvested an estimated 490,000 acres, down 4 percent from last year. Yield per acre was 867 pounds, a decrease of 100 pounds from 2003, but still the second highest yield on record in the state. Upland cotton production for the U.S. is estimated at a record high 22.3 million bales, 25 percent more than last year's production.

All rice production is estimated at 28.5 million cwt, up 8 percent from 2003. Production of long grain varieties is estimated at 27.9 million cwt, and production of medium grain varieties is estimated at 650,000 cwt. The planted acreage estimate for rice was 538,000 acres, up 18 percent from 2003. An estimated 533,000 acres of rice was harvested, up 18 percent from 2003. The statewide yield averaged 5,350 pounds per acre, down 520 pounds from last year's record yield. U.S. production is estimated at a record high 231 million cwt, up 15 percent from last year.

Soybean production is estimated at 32.7 million bushels, up 30 percent from 2003. Total planted acreage was 1,100,000 acres, up 45 percent from 2003. Louisiana farmers harvested an estimated 990,000 acres, up 250,000 acres from last year. Yield was 33 bushels per acre, down 1 bushel from last year's record yield. U.S. soybean production is estimated at 3.14 billion bushels, the largest U.S. soybean crop in history.

Production of **corn for grain** is estimated at 55.4 million bushels, down 17 percent from 2003. Total planted acreage was estimated at 420,000 acres, down 19 percent from 2003. An estimated 410,000 acres were harvested for

grain, down 18 percent from 2003. Yield per acre, at 135 bushels, was up 1 bushel up from 2003. U.S. corn production is estimated at 11.8 billion bushels, up 17 percent from 2003.

Production of **sorghum for grain** is estimated at 5.2 million bushels compared to 14.0 million in 2003. Total planted acreage was estimated at 85,000 acres, of which 80,000 acres were harvested for grain. This was the lowest planted acreage since 1980 when the state planted 32,000 acres. Yield per acre, at 65 bushels, was down 20 bushels from 2003. U.S. production for the 2004 sorghum crop is estimated at 455 million bushels, 11 percent above 2003.

Sugarcane production for sugar and seed is estimated at 11.2 million net tons, down 13 percent from 2003. An estimated 465,000 acres were harvested, down 5 percent from 2003. Net yield, which was estimated at 24 tons per acre, was the lowest since 1993 when a yield of 22.8 net tons per acre was reported. U.S. production of sugarcane for sugar and seed in 2004 is estimated at 29.3 million tons, 13 percent below last year's 33.9 million tons.

Sweet potato production is estimated at 2.3 million cwt, down 26 percent from 2003. An estimated 16,000 acres were planted in 2004, down 16 percent from 2003. Harvested acreage was estimated at 15,500 acres, down 14 percent from last year. The statewide yield averaged 150 cwt per acre, down 25 cwt from last year's record yield. U.S. production is estimated at 16.4 million cwt, up 3 percent from last season and 28 percent above 2002.

All hay production in 2004 is estimated at 1.11 million tons compared to 1.10 million the previous year. An estimated 370,000 acres were harvested in 2004, down 10,000 acres from the previous year. Yield was 3.0 tons per acre, a new state record. U.S. production is estimated at 158 million tons, up fractionally from the 2003 total.

Louisiana: Acreage, Yield and Production, 2004, with Comparisons

Commodity	Acreage Harvested		Yield Per Acre		Unit		Production	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	Yield	Prod.	2003	2004
	-----Thousand Acres-----		-----Units-----				-----Thousand Units-----	
Corn, Grain	500	410	134	135	bushels	bushels	67,000	55,350
Corn, Silage	10	5	16.0	12.0	tons	tons	160	60
Cotton, Lint, All	510	490	967	867	pounds	bales ¹	1,027	885
Cottonseed ²	---	---	---	---	tons	tons	365.0	321.0
Hay, All (baled)	380	370	2.9	3.0	tons	tons	1,102	1,110
Rice, Long Grain	430	520	5,870	5,360	pounds	cwt	25,241	27,872
Rice, Medium	20	13	5,780	5,000	pounds	cwt	1,156	650
Rice, All	450	533	5,870	5,350	pounds	cwt	26,397	28,522
Sorghum, Grain	165	80	85	65	bushels	bushels	14,025	5,200
Sorghum, Silage	1	1	11.0	10.0	tons	tons	11	10
Soybeans	740	990	34	33	bushels	bushels	25,160	32,670
Sugarcane, All ³	490	465	26.2	24.0	net tons	net tons	12,838	11,160
Sweet Potatoes	18	15.5	175	150	cwt	cwt	3,150	2,325
Wheat, Winter	140	165	41.0	50.0	bushels	bushels	5,740	8,250

¹ 480-pound net weight bale.

² Estimates based on 3-year average lint-seed ratio.

³ Harvested for sugar and seed.

United States: Acreage, Yield and Production, 2004, with Comparisons

Commodity	Acreage Harvested		Yield Per Acre		Unit		Production	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	Yield	Prod.	2003	2004
	-----Thousand Acres-----		-----Units-----				-----Thousand Units-----	
Corn, Grain	70,944	73,632	142.2	160.4	bushels	bushels	10,089,222	11,807,217
Corn, Silage	6,583	6,103	16.3	17.6	tons	tons	107,378	107,336
Cotton, Lint, All	12,003.4	13,057.0	730	846	pounds	bales ¹	18,255.2	23,006.0
Cottonseed ²	---	---	---	---	tons	tons	6,664.6	8,411.0
Hay, All (baled)	63,383	61,916	2.49	2.55	tons	tons	157,585	157,774
Rice, Long Grain	2,310	2,571	6,451	6,569	pounds	cwt	149,011	168,901
Rice, Medium	644	705	7,481	8,325	pounds	cwt	48,180	58,689
Rice, All	2,997	3,325	6,670	6,942	pounds	cwt	199,897	230,818
Sorghum, Grain	7,798	6,517	52.7	69.8	bushels	bushels	411,237	454,899
Sorghum, Silage	343	352	10.4	13.5	tons	tons	3,552	4,763
Soybeans	72,476	73,958	33.9	42.5	bushels	bushels	2,453,665	3,140,996
Sugarcane, All ³	992.3	952.1	34.1	30.8	net tons	net tons	33,858	29,295
Sweet Potatoes	92.6	93.3	172	176	cwt	cwt	15,891	16,399
Wheat, Winter	36,753	34,462	46.7	43.5	bushels	bushels	1,716,721	1,499,434

¹ 480-pound net weight bale.

² Estimates based on 3-year average lint-seed ratio.

³ Harvested for sugar and seed.

Louisiana Grain Stocks

Corn stocks stored off-farm on December 1, 2004, at 20.8 million bushels, were 3 percent more than last year's 20.3 million bushels. On-farm stocks for Louisiana were not published separately but were included in the U.S. total.

Soybean stocks stored off-farm on December 1, 2004, at 10.7 million bushels, were 23 percent above last year's 8.7 million bushels. On-farm stocks for Louisiana were not published separately but were included in the U.S. total.

All wheat stocks stored off-farm on December 1, 2004, at 9.8 million bushels, were up 15 percent from the 8.6 million bushels stored a year ago. On-farm stocks were not published separately but were included in the U.S. total.

Louisiana Rice Stocks

Rough rice stocks reported in all positions on December 1, 2004, totaled 17.58 million cwt, up 40 percent from last year. On-farm stocks of rice were estimated at 8.50 million cwt, compared to 5.40 million the previous year. Off-farm stocks totaled 9.08 million cwt, up 28 percent from last year.

Louisiana and U.S. Grain Stocks, December 1, 2004

Item	Louisiana ¹		United States	
	December 1		December 1	
	2003	2004	2003	2004
	-----Thousand Bushels-----		-----Thousand Bushels-----	
Corn				
On-Farm			5,286,000	6,144,000
Off-Farm ²	<u>20,294</u>	<u>20,809</u>	<u>2,667,775</u>	<u>3,304,798</u>
Total			7,953,775	9,448,798
Soybeans				
On-Farm			820,000	1,300,000
Off-Farm ²	<u>8,664</u>	<u>10,695</u>	<u>868,653</u>	<u>1,004,880</u>
Total			1,688,653	2,304,880
All-Wheat				
On-Farm			491,925	531,020
Off-Farm ²	<u>8,562</u>	<u>9,810</u>	<u>1,028,359</u>	<u>899,718</u>
Total			1,520,284	1,430,738

¹ Louisiana on farm stocks and total stocks not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations

² Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals, and processors

Louisiana Rice Stocks

Date	On Farms Or Farm Warehouses	In Mills And Attached Warehouses	In Warehouses Not Attached To Mills	In Ports Or In Transit	Total All Positions
	(Domestic Units – 1,000 Cwt)				
	<u>Rough Rice</u>				
December 1, 2003	5,400	1,106	5,257	753	12,516
March 1, 2004	2,300	1/	3,197	1/	8,307
August 1, 2004	1/	1/	1/	1/	998
December 1, 2004	8,500	1/	6,944	1/	17,581

¹ Included in unallocated to avoid disclosing individual operations.

United States Rice Stocks

Date	On Farms Or Farm Warehouses	In Mills And Attached Warehouses	In Warehouses Not Attached To Mills	In Ports Or In Transit	Total All Positions
	(Domestic Units – 1,000 Cwt)				
	<u>Rough Rice</u>				
December 1, 2003	43,165	13,295	77,989	870	135,319
March 1, 2004	18,325	13,755	55,150	610	87,840
August 1, 2004	571	6,085	12,819	40	19,515
December 1, 2004	57,545	15,232	92,534	1,349	166,660
	<u>Milled Rice</u>				
December 1, 2003	---	4,859	118	1,639	6,616
March 1, 2004	---	4,530	146	1,657	6,333
August 1, 2004	---	2,591	105	255	2,951
December 1, 2004	---	3,379	48	1,214	4,641

Winter Wheat Seedings

Louisiana farmers planted an estimated 130,000 acres of Winter Wheat for 2005, down 28 percent from 2004. United States winter wheat planted area for harvest in 2005 is estimated at 41.6 million acres. This is down 4 percent from 2004. Seeding began last August and advanced ahead of the 5-year average pace until the middle of October, when wet weather slowed progress. Nearly all of the U.S. acreage was seeded by December 1. Most remaining intended area is in the Southeast and California.

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Winter Wheat Seedings

Selected States	Area Planted			
	2003	2004	2005	2004/2005
	-----1,000 Acres-----			Percent
Arkansas	700	670	240	36
Kansas	10,500	10,000	10,100	101
Louisiana	155	180	130	72
Mississippi	150	160	110	69
Texas	6,600	6,300	5,800	92
United States	45,384	43,350	41,567	96

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